

I as a consumer feel that as consolidation in all public media that has been occurring the last decade. Has lead to a lowering of the quality of the product to which I am exposed. Radio and television reporting has become nothing more than a race to the latest press releases. Original investigative reporting is becoming more rare. I live within 100 miles of Canada and cannot get access to the CBC or BBC. Deregulation of the Telephone System was suppose to improve the product for the consumer. The only consumer that benefited was the CORPORATE consumer, those 100 million of us, on the bottom, did not see any beneficial changes. Wether measured in quantity or quality telephone deregulation was not an advance for us. Television and radio regulation should encourage at least, and mandate at most the utmost diversity in broadcast franchises and the broadcast product. As a cable television subscriber I am cutting back on what I pay for. The owners my take this as a sign to improve the brainless drivel they currently have. I have no input otherwise.

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Thank You, Michael Svendsen